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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): SCHMIDT et al.

Group Art Unit: 1764

Serial No.: 10/620,183

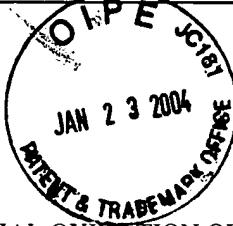
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Docket No.: 110.02090101

Title: CATALYTIC PARTIAL OXIDATION OF HYDROCARBONS

Confirmation No.: 8654



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

We are transmitting the following documents along with this Transmittal Sheet (which is submitted in triplicate):

- An itemized return postcard.
 A Petition for Extension of Time for ___ month(s) and a check in the amount of \$___ for the required fee.
 A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (pgs); 1449 form (1 pg); and copies of ___ documents cited on the 1449 form.
 A check in the amount of \$___, for ___.
 A certified copy of a ___ application, Serial No. ___, filed _____, the right of priority of which is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 Other: Preliminary Amendment (20 pgs. total, including Replacement Sheets (14 Sheets), and Annotated Marked-Up Drawing (1 sheet)).

Amendment ___ No Additional fee is required. ___ The fee has been calculated as shown:

Fee Calculation for Claims Pending After Amendment					
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Total Claims				x \$18 =	
Independent Claims				x \$86 =	
One or More New Multiple Dependent Claims Presented? If Yes, Add \$290 Here →					
Total Additional Claim Fees Required					

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers and please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4895. Triplicate copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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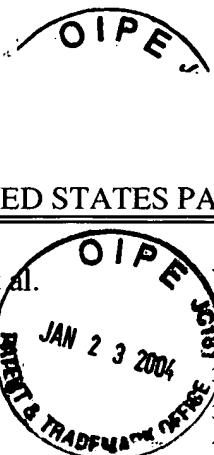
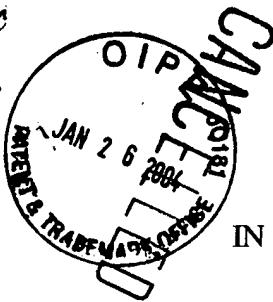
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Amendments to the Drawings begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Drawings," and include attached replacement sheets and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."

An Attachment including amended drawing figures is attached following the last page of this Communication.